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SY CHANNEL

FOR DIKEOS FROM SPALDING

HONG KONG FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR HECK'S CONVERSATION
WITH THE KING OF NEPAL

REF: KATHMANDU 1670

1. ON PERUSING THE EMBASSY READING FILE APR 6 I CAME ACROSS THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IN REFTEL. AMBASSADOR HECK REPORTED: "CONVERSATION TURNED TO TERRORISM. I MENTIONED BRIEFLY LATEST ALERT INVOLVING POSSIBLE NEW WAVE OF TERRORISM IN MIDDLE EAST WHICH MIGHT HAVE US INSTALLATION AS LIKELY TARGET (STATE 77518). I USED THIS AS PEG TO INFORM KING THAT WE HOPED SOON TO HAVE TEAM OUT HERE WHICH COULD WORK WITH KEY OFFICIALS IN HMG TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TRAINING ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS VIP PROTECTION AND RELATED ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES. I RECALLED THIS WAS MATTER WE HAD DISCUSSED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS AND SAID THAT I WAS PLEASED THAT WE WOULD BE READY TO GET TO WORK IN NEAR FUTURE SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF CONFIRMED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN COMPOSITION OF TEAM AND ITS SCHED-
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ULE. HE ADDED HE RECALLED THAT A SIMILAR TEAM HAD VISITED NEPAL DURING HIS FATHER'S TIME AND HE WELCOMED THIS FURTHER INDICATION OF US INTEREST AND COLLABORATION."

2. I WONDER IF AMBASSADOR HECK IS REFERRING TO THE MOBILE TRAINING TEAM AND IF SO, IS THIS TEAM PREPARED TO AFFORD HMG SPECIALIZED COUNTER-TERRORIST TRAINING. WE MAY BE RAISING

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THE EXPECTATIONS OF HMG TO UNREALISTIC HEIGHTS IF THEY INTERPRET THE MTT "BRIEFINGS" AS TRAINING. FURTHERMORE, THIS OFFER ON THE PART OF AMBASSADOR HECK MAY LEAD SY INTO AREAS YOU ARE NOT PREPARED TO ENTER. I KNOW THE GOI WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE SUCH AN OFFER MADE TO THEM AND WOULD ACCEPT SAME WITH ALACRITY. THE IMPLICATIONS OF A SIMILAR OFFER TO THE ITALIANS AT THIS STAGE ARE MINDBOGGLING. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IN THE PAST THE USG HAS REFERRED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS RATHER THAN OFFER THE GOOD SERVICES OF SY.

3. I HAVE NOT BROACHED THIS SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR HECK AND, QUITE FRANKLY, FEEL IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR HIM TO RECEIVE ANY GUIDANCE DIRECTLY FROM YOU.
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